GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CEREALS FOR LIQUOR PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether jowar and other cereals are being used to manufacture liquor in certain States in the country including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments are providing subsidy to such liquor manufacturers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. As per the information received, State Governments of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Rajasthan, U.P. and West Bengal have intimated that foodgrains including jowar, bajra and maize have been used to manufacture liquor.Government of Assam, Gujarat, Tripura, Kerala and Chandigarh Administration have informed that no foodgrains has been used for manufacture of alcohol.

(c) & (d): The State Government of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are providing subsidy to the liquor manufacturers.

Government of Maharashtra has informed that incentives in backward areas of Vidarbha and Marathwada classified as "D" are given according to the industries Department- 150% of the Fixed Capital Investment or Rs.37.50 crores whichever is being less and for areas classified as D+ -200% of the Fixed Capital Investment or Rs.50 crores whichever being less. For areas not under such classification in this State 100% of the Fixed Capital Investment or Rs.25 crores whichever being less.

Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that foodgrains are procured by grain based distilleries viz.
(i) M/s. Jagatjit Industries Ltd, Bulandshahr
(ii)M/s Redico Khetan Ltd(grain spirit plant) Rampur and
(iii) M/s Redico Khetan Ltd(Malt spirit plant) Rampur. Subsidy is being provided to M/s Radico Khetan (Grain spirit plant, Rampur) by Government of Uttar Pradesh as this unit has fulfilled the provisions of G.O.No.2529 E-2/XIII-2005-374/98 T.C.I, dated 24-05-2005.

(e): State Governments, depending upon production and procurement of foodgrains including coarse grains decide on their usage as per local conditions.